

Cruisin' Through Construction



Interstate 215 Widening Project, San Bernardino

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New U.S. Secretary of Transportation Named



Ray LaHood, 16th
U.S. Secretary of
Transportation

Ray LaHood was sworn in as the 16th U.S. Secretary of Transportation on Friday, January 23, 2009. He will work with California in obtaining economic stimulus funding for inland transportation projects—including the additional phases of the I-215 Widening Project.

In his new position, LaHood will lead an agency of more than 55,000 employees, which oversee air, maritime and roadway transportation missions.

LaHood, who is the only Republican member of President Obama's Cabinet, will work to increase safety across all modes of transportation, restore economic health by creating jobs and sustainable infrastructure, and assure that policies focus on the people who use transportation systems and their communities.

Prior to becoming Secretary of Transportation, LaHood served for 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives from the 18th District of Illinois and served on both the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.

Project Questions?

For questions or to request a presentation about the widening of Interstate 215, call the toll-free helpline, **1-877-215-NEWS.**



Caltrans Keeps Focus on Mill Street and Inland Center Drive

During the month of January, Caltrans and the contractor continue to lower Mill Street. Crews also continued working to widen the Inland Center Drive bridge, causing some nighttime closures.

Work will be conducted in all areas along I-215 from Orange Show Road to Rialto Avenue during the month of February with major construction taking place near Mill Street and the Inland Center Drive bridges.

On-going monthly meetings between Caltrans, local merchants and emergency workers provide a forum for construction updates and concerns. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Caltrans Annex building at 655 West Second Street in San Bernardino.

For planned lane and ramp closures within Phase 2, please visit the Caltrans website at www.caltrans8.info. For the safety of you and the workers, please SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.

Local Businesses Open During Construction

Although construction work is spanning the southern half of I-215 through San Bernardino, businesses remain open during construction. Please be sure to consider the following businesses among others while searching for services in the City of San Bernardino:

Illusions Paint and Auto Body

Provides auto body and paint work and assists with insurance claims. Open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
740 W. Mill Street #D (909) 383-1155
www.illusionsautobody.com

Singer Carpets & Floor Cover

Serving San Bernardino for more than 20 years, Singer Carpets & Floor Cover offers hardwood, vinyl and window covering options. Open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Brad Singer.
740 W. Mill Street #A (909) 889-4468

If you are within the I-215 construction area and would like to highlight your business, please contact us at 1-877-215-NEWS.



Crews continue work alongside I-215 to construct a ramp deck at Orange Show Road.



The I-215 widening project is a partnership among San Bernardino Associated Governments, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the City of San Bernardino.

